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Title: Need to establish monitoring committees in all Universities to ensure the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students.

SHRI R. DHIRUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to raise an important issue regarding establishment of Monitoring Committees in all universities - Central, State, Deemed - and institutions of national importance like IITs, IIMs, in order to ensure the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students, to check delays in distribution of scholarship, awarding degrees, and to check the alleged practice of caste discrimination. According to a report, more than 20 students committed suicide in institutions of national importance due to caste-based discrimination. There are about 700 universities and 47,000 degree colleges in our country. However, there is no systematic mechanism to monitor the welfare of SC, ST students. I, therefore, would urge the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development to establish the Monitoring Committees. Thank you.